the country so far during the year 1986 State-wise;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives in communal riots during the aforesaid period;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to check the rising trend of communal riots in the country; and

(d) the compensation given in each case to the next of kin of those killed in the communal riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) According to available information, so far there have been seven cases of communal riots, four in the States of Gujarat, two in Uttar Pradesh and one in Madhya Pradesh. In these incidents 70 persons lost their lives.

(c) and (d) It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to ensure communal peace and maintain order. Central Government's role is limited in providing advice and such other assistance, as is asked for by the State Governments for the maintenance of law and order. The Central Government have also in this connection, circulated detailed guidelines to the various State Governments for prevention as well as control of communal violence. Guidelines on the rehabilitation of and payment of ex-gratia grants to the victims of communal riots have also been commended to all the State Governments. Most of the State Governments are providing relief to the victims of communal violence in accordance with these guidelines. Apart from this, Central Government remains in constant touch with the State Governments regarding threats to communal peace and advises them suitably, as and when required.

Pakistanis staying in Jammu and Kashmir without passports

304. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistanis are active in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab for communal disturbances, violence and atrocities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many persons are staying there without any passports; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The Government have no reports from Governments of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab regarding such activities of Pakistanis in their States.

(b) and (c) The State Govt. have already been entrusted with the statutory powers to detect and take action against the illegal entry of foreign nationals.

Purchase of Tank Turrets by Pakistan from U K

305. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in The Times of India of 9th March, 1986 to the effect that Pakistan is likely to buy tank Turrets and armaments worth £420 million from Britain; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in his regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Government have seen reports in this regard both in Indian and British press;